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the Hebrew points, as enabling us often to correct the Masoretic pointing; and thirdly, on account of its exegetical value as sometimes fixing the else doubtful sense of an obscure or infrequent Hebrew word. Mr. Oliver has made the results of his study of the Syriac Psalter as fully available as they can be made to those not conversant with the Syriac. We wish that he might find encouragement to extend his labors to other portions of the Hebrew Scriptures.

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23. — *Commentary on the Epistles to the Seven Churches in Asia. Revelations ii., iii.* By RICHARD CHENEVIX TRENCH, D. D., Dean of Westminster. New York: Charles Scribner. 1861. 12mo. pp. 312.

TRENCH, in his exegetical writings, so blends the offices of interpreter and preacher, that it is not always easy to know in which sense to take him. He is so intent on the multitude of lessons that may be drawn from any given word, clause, or sentence, that he not unfrequently fails to designate the particular sense intended by the writer. But he is always entertaining and instructive. His is one of those rich minds, which cannot enter into communion with other minds without enriching them. No matter what his professed subject is, it will be found either to contain or to suggest materials for which his reader will thank him. The book named above is to be prized on precisely this ground. As a monograph in the department of Biblical criticism, it is of mixed merit and secondary value; as investing the second and third chapters of the Apocalypse with a new and profounder interest, worth, and depth of significance, and this especially to the scholar and thinker on the same intellectual plane with the author, it can hardly be praised to excess.

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24. — *Historical Lectures on the Life of our Lord Jesus Christ, being the Hulsean Lectures for the Year 1859. With Notes, Critical, Historical, and Explanatory.* By C. J. ELLICOTT, B. D., Professor of Divinity, King's College, London; late Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge; Author of Critical and Grammatical Commentaries on St. Paul's Epistles. Boston: Gould and Lincoln. 1862. 12mo. pp. 382.

THESE Lectures are an epitome of the Gospel history prepared with the view of illustrating the distinctive characteristics of the separate narratives, their essential harmony, and their mutual confirmation, and rebutting the cavils of neological and sceptical criticism against the